

# Louisiana Suicide Prevention Task Force

## Mission

- TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF LOUISIANA'S YOUTH AND FAMILIES,
- TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY HELP,
- TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND AVAILABILITY OF PREVENTION SERVICES STATEWIDE,
- TO PREVENT YOUTH SUICIDE AND SUICIDAL BEHAVIORS,
- TO DEVELOP THE LA YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PLAN

## Highlighted Facts:

- Every day 1500 attempt suicide
    - 16 American youth die by suicide every day
  - Males are 4x more likely to die by suicide while
  - More females attempt suicide than men
  - 59% of suicide deaths occur by use of a firearms
  - More U.S. teenagers die from suicide than from heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia and influenza, and chronic lung disease combined
  - Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death and homicide is the 14th for Americans.
- That is more Americans kill themselves than are killed by others! -National Strategy for Suicide Prevention--**

Adolescent Suicide cuts across ethnic, economic and social boundaries and has a tremendous and traumatic impact on survivors who are at high risk of suicide and emotional problems! This is an issue that not only affects the victim; in addition it affects the victim's family, friends, community and schools! For every suicide there are 100 survivors that are affected by the death and are at risk for taking their own lives!

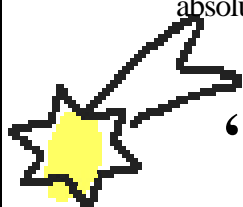
In 1996 alone the total cost of completed and medically treated youth suicides in Louisiana, ages 0-20 years was \$364,000,000 (Million)!



## The S.T.A.R Plan



The star plan is a comprehensive program aimed at reducing the amount of suicide attempts in the State of Louisiana. There are 4 key components that are absolutely integral to the success of preventing youth Suicide. They are:



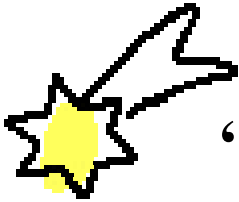
### **“S”-UICIDE PREVENTION FOR LA YOUTH**

- **PARTNERSHIPS THAT PROVIDE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & POSTVENTION**



## **“T” TREATMENT AND “T”-RAINING OF GATEKEEPERS**

- **EXPAND MONEY FOR EXISTING TREATMENT RESOURCES STATEWIDE**
- **PROMOTE CONTINUED TRAINING OF ADULT GATEKEEPERS USING THE LIVING WORKS-ASSIST TRAINING MODEL-**



## **“A” -WARENESS AND ADVOCACY**

- **TO ANNUALLY PROMOTE SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS STATEWIDE-MONTHS OF MAY, SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER!**



## **“R” -RESOURCES, RESOLUTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **TO DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE A STATEWIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION SCHOOL PLAN**
- **ANNUALLY EVALUATE EFFORTS OF THE LOUISIANA S.T.A.R. PLAN**

### **Louisiana Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force Members**

- **OPH-LA Adolescent Health Initiative (Chair)**
- **Children’s Safety Network(National)**
- **Suicide Prevention Resource Center(National)**
- **Department of Education**
- **FBI**
- **Jewish Family Service**
- **Maternal &Child Health**
- **Office of Mental Health**
- **State Senator Paulette Iron’s Office**
- **Volunteer Information Agency**
- **OPH-Family Planning**
- **OPH-Injury Prevention Program**
- **OPH-Maternal and Child Health Program**
- **Attorney Generals Office**
- **Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center**
- **Children’s Bureau-Peers Educating Peer Program**
- **NAMI LA**
- **St. Thomas Health Service**
- **Mental Health Association of Louisiana**
- **Southeastern Louisiana University**
- **Children’s Bureau-Peers Educating Peer Program**
- **St. Tammany Outreach to Prevent Suicide**

